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## THE WORK OF A HIDDEN HAND.

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(THE "AMATEUR CASUAL.")

### THE GHOST OF MRS. PYBUSS.

It has not unfrequently happened that the scraps of manuscript in which my butter-pats came wrapped are not only disconnected, but mutilated as well, and with here and there a gap, requiring an extensive patching, as nearly matching the original piece as my ingenuity can devise. Worse than this sometimes happens. Owing, probably, to the waste-paper at the butter-shop getting mixed up anywhere, I occasionally get the end of a story before the commencement, and have, in a manner of speaking, to work backwards.

It was so with the present story. It would appear that a certain Mrs. Pybus, though in every other respect an admirable woman, is absurdly jealous of her husband. Had Mr. P. ever given her any reason for suspecting him of unfaithfulness she might have claimed excuse, but such was not the case. She appears to have been perfectly well aware when they were married that she was four years her husband's senior, nor was it any secret to her that before John Pybus made over to her he had been affectionately disposed towards his cousin, Bessie Billings, who was just about his own age and acknowledged by all who knew her to be a handsome girl.

When John Pybus discovered that Bessie was a frivolous little flirt, with whom he could never be happy, he behaved like a sensible young fellow and gave up all thoughts of making her his wife, and after awhile he began to make himself agreeable to her cousin, Jane Jarvis. Though somewhat plain, Jane was a worthy young woman, homely and cheerful, and eligible in every way to enter into matrimonial partnership with a suitable help-mate, such as John promised to be. He was by no means a rich man, but his income was sufficient to enable them to take a nice little cottage at Chiswick, with a pleasant garden extending to the river-path, all as cosy and comfortable as could be.

And they might have been happy as the birds in the boughs, as the old saying is, but for Mrs. P.'s provoking jealousy disposition. As need not be said, it was not the least gratifying feature of her change from single life to married, that John had preferred her to his handsome cousin, but that soon proved to be but a bitter-sweet satisfaction. Woman-like, she made too much of it. It was not enough for her that what was Bessie's loss was her gain. She and her cousin had never been the best of friends, and it afforded her a—well, not perhaps a malicious, but, at all events, a mischievous pleasure to invite Miss Billings to Chiswick to see her pretty home, and listen to her praises of that dear, kind fellow, her husband. John had no wish that she should come. Indeed, from the first he found it rather embarrassing. But the relationship was on his wife's side and not his, and he was not a man to say "no" to any little pleasure Mrs. P. proposed for herself.

Bessie Billings didn't mind in the least. She was a far shrewder young woman than her married cousin, and saw through the real intent of the invitations at a glance. And, being not the less inclined to flirt for being a couple of years older than when she had tired out the patience of bachelor John, she took pains to ingratiate herself with him, and, in the end, succeeded in getting him to give her a kiss. She had foolishly thrown away a good chance—wickedly thrown it away, she might say, because, in spite of all John Pybus might think to the contrary, her regard for him was such that though she had not the privilege of making him happy herself she was fully conscious of his desirings, and was one of the greatest comforts of her existence to know that he was happy.

She would say all this, with sweet resignation, before John himself, and nothing could be more decorous than her demeanour towards him. But this was not what Mrs. Pybus had bargained for, and to her husband's great relief, she soon began to give Bessie's repeated visits less and less encouragement.

John had laid down his pipe while he perused this startling "message from the dead," but he was not so painfully impressed by it as to immediately set about doing anything precipitate or rash. He re-lit his briar root, and puffed at it reflectively for a few minutes. It would not do for him to lose too much time, however, since he was well aware that Mrs. Pybus who, no doubt, was concealed somewhere on the premises, had heard him come in and was anxiously listening for what in his frantic state of mind he would first do. It did not take him long to make up his mind. He would make his wife believe that she had succeeded in imposing on him and she should play out her programme as at present designed.

But where was she? Despairingly calling out her name, but keeping his eyes well about him, he rushed about the house from garret to basement and there he got a clue. There was a large cupboard or closet adjoining the pantry, and for which since they had been in occupation, they had never found a use. The key of the door, indeed, had been mislaid, and it had not been thought worth while to search for it. But it had been entered! There was a single-pane window in a side-panel, and it had never been screened. Now, on the inside there was a board resting against it, covering it from outside view.

John Pybus paused outside his wife's place of concealment to wring his hands and utter a few notes of lamentation and then he hastened into the garden, where to spin out the time he smoked another pipe and returned to the house with his tranquillity of mind so restored that he was able to whistle plaintively and under his breath as it were the tune of a sentimental song, in vogue at the time, and entitled "Perhaps it is all for the best." He was whistling it still at the back door—which was within a few feet of the cupboard—as he bolted and barred it for the night, and was still softly whistling it as he went upstairs to bed.

What were the feelings of Mrs. Pybus during that few moments which would be useless to attempt to describe. The designing Bessie—had only given him encouragement and, indeed, had vowed at the altar would be

blown to the wind. Her self-tormenting suspicions made her miserable. He would find her pale and anxious-looking if he happened to be an hour late in coming home, and, once, after he had written a hasty business letter, and blotted the wet ink, he caught her in the act of holding the blotting-paper up to the light, to see what she could make of the blurred impression. Many times, when she had given him no notice of her intention, he found her waiting for him when he left his office in the city in the evening.

For some time he tried to persuade himself, that though annoying, such behaviour on his wife's part was, after all, pardonable, since if she didn't love him more than husbands are loved in ordinary she would be less watchful. It was confoundedly tiresome though at times, and instead of diminishing it grew and grew until, to tell the truth, he became fairly sick of it. The climax, when it came, originated in an incident more absurd even than any that had preceded it.

Mrs. P. had asked her husband to bring home for her a certain periodical containing ladies' "fashion plates," and he had obligingly complied. They were looking through it together, when John Pybus chanced to remark:

"I prefer this one to any of the others. It just hits my fancy."

Mrs. P. glanced at it, and snatched the book away.

"Of course it does!" he remarked, spitefully, "it reminds you of that beauty. Don't deny it. Why should you colour up as you are doing now, if you didn't feel ashamed of it?"

It was perfectly true that Mr. Pybus had coloured up, but it was with anger and not with shame. "Upon my word, Jane," he exclaimed, "you are growing past all bearing. I don't deserve such treatment."

"You don't deserve the good wife you have got."

"Well, maybe that is so," retorted the provoked husband. "I should have got on better, perhaps, with one of a less angelic temper. Better still, possibly, if I had remained single."

And he put on his hat, and lit his pipe, and went out.

It was in the early autumn, and just dark, and in a most unenviable frame of mind, John Pybus sauntered through the pleasant lanes for an hour or more, and then returning homeward, turned on to the river path with the intention of entering his house by the garden gate. He had never before obtained egress by that means, but his temper was still ruffled and his sulky idea was to slip in by the back way and go up to bed without his wife knowing it. It was quite dark now, and, as he approached the gate, he saw a female figure emerge from his premises, and instantly recognising it as that of his wife, the terrifying thought at once possessed him that she meditated suicide.

He was about to rush forward, when the deliberateness of Mrs. Pybus's movements checked him.

She had emerged from the gate wearing her hat and a little shawl over her shoulders, and divesting herself of these, she laid them on the path near the water's edge, and then, looking to the right and to the left, as though to make quite sure that she was not observed, she went in at the gate again, which she left wide open.

A few minutes afterwards, Mr. Pybus crept up to the spot and discovered this to be the case. What did it all mean? A smile flickered over his troubled face as a possible solution of the mystery occurred to him. They were without a servant at the time, but he had the latch-key of the door. Wrapping the hat in the shawl and concealing both beneath his coat, he went round to the front entrance and let himself in. His wife, seemingly, was not in the house, but in the parlour there was a note enclosed in an envelope, and addressed to him.

"Husband!—You will be surprised, perhaps, and for a short time—a very short time—grieved as well, to hear that I can no longer endure life knowing all the time that your heart is another's. It was never mine. I was so blind and foolish at first as to think it was, but my eyes have since been fully opened. Farewell, John Pybus. The chain that has galled you since we were made one at the altar is now snared asunder, and you are free to make another lover."

"I don't admit anything of the kind," returned the apparition with an asperity that did not quite accord with the sepulchral accents. "You do her a gross injustice when you say so."

"Well, I suppose it is only natural, I beg your pardon, supernatural—that you should object to hearing anything said in her disfavour, but I am surprised that you should deny the truth of my statement. The evidence I beg to submit is all in my favour. In the first place, people have a dread of ghosts. I thought I had. Now is it, then, that your visit occasions me not the least alarm? Because I never did my wife the least harm in thought or deed. In the second place, the secrets of my heart being no longer hidden from you, I challenge you, if I may take the liberty, to point to one that should make me feel ashamed."

The ghostly voice was less austere when the next question was asked.

"What of the departed one's cousin, Bessie Billings?"

"The very subject on which I should have spoken to you, had you not been the first to allude to it," John replied with asperity. "But, surely, except as you are from all human weakness, including the most tantalising one of all—jealousy—you need not ask, 'What of Bessie Billings?'"

Being now, unfortunately, a widow and having enjoyed the happiness of wedded life, I give you my most solemn assurance, that were she the only woman in the world I would rather live and die single than marry her. Confound Bessie Billings. To me she is simply detestable."

With what sounded very like a joyful sob, the ghost glided more closely to the bedside, and after standing there several moments, hesitatingly, vanished from the room.

"I think that last shout about did it," John whispered laughingly, "if she isn't back here again presently write me down a Dutchman."

But it was quite unnecessary so to tell him John Pybus's nationality. In five minutes she did return, and at last in her own proper garb.

"Oh, John, dear! Pray forgive me. I was only acting to try you. Kiss me, and tell me that you are glad I am still alive, and I will promise you I will never, never doubt you again."

And he kissed her.

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having no doubt that when she got tired of remaining in the closet she would come upstairs, and his intention was to let her do so and take not a word of notice of what had happened. He left the bed-room door ajar that she might have no difficulty in getting in. He was not asleep, but he pretended to be when at stroke of midnight he heard the stairs creak.

But it was not his wife—Jane Pybus in the flesh—who entered the chamber. It was her ghost! With his head comfortably disposed on the pillow and his nasal organ testifying to the soundness of his slumber, John was peeping through the chinks of his eyelashes and saw it. Draped and hooded in white, it came to the bedside and laid a cold hand on his brow. Then he started and rubbed his eyes, and without fairly opening them, remarked testily:

"What a dence of a time you have been staying downstairs, Jane!"

Mrs. P. was rather disconcerted. She had made sure that he would start up with an exclamation of terror. But now she had to introduce herself on her supernatural capacity.

"John Pybus," she uttered solemnly, "I am no longer Jane. I am the spirit of your departed wife, whom your cruelty drove to despair and suicide."

John was wide awake now, but he did not jump out of bed in a fright,

"Stupor or sleeping, he has had dreams, any way," Nurse Buncy said to herself, as after watching Mr. Job Pikerust for a few moments, she turned with a shrug of her shoulders and walked towards the window.

But she had not more than half-crossed the room when a sudden rustling of the bed-clothes caused her to turn round with a start, and there was Mr. Pikerust, with his eyes wide open, and sitting as bolt upright as ever he had sat in his life.

"Come here!" And he beckoned her with a nervous movement of all the fingers of his outstretched hand. "I am going! Come—come closer, that I may tell you something before I go."

"I will call the doctor back," the nurse replied, hesitating and frightened, "he cannot be out of the street yet."

"No, no. There will not be time, and—I am past doctors. Listen, I did not dare divulge it before, though it would be better for me a thousand times had I done so, since for four long years I have suffered the torments of the d—"

But at that his utterance failed him, and with a long-drawn sigh he fell back, and was no more. Doctor Blinker, being hastily recalled, said it was no more than he had expected. He knew that he would go on suddenly at last.

"But his last words, doctor, and not so much the words, as his terror while he was saying them, I daresay did not divulge it before, though it would have been better for me a thousand times."

"Stuff and nonsense," Doctor Blinker interrupted her. His brain was affected, you foolish woman. He was no more responsible for what he was saying than the pillow he fell back upon.

This was on the Tuesday, and on the Saturday Mr. Job Pikerust was buried. If he had any relative living, it was not in that part of the country, and of the few mourners that followed him to the grave there were none of his kin and kind. The doctor went, so did two from London in the grain trade, and with whom Mr. Pikerust had become acquainted during the past three or four years. They were very desirous of having a last look at the deceased, or the coffin-lid would have been screwed down a day before it was.

The housekeeper went to the funeral, leaving nobody to mind the house but a loutish lad, who used to drive the chain in which the old gentleman rode, and who made himself useful about the premises. It was four miles to the cemetery, and the roads being exceptionally heavy, more than two hours elapsed from the time of the melancholy procession setting out until its return. There were two mourning coaches, and the driver of the foremost one was surprised when they were just striding into the lane that led to the late Mr. Pikerust's abode, to see a lad in the middle of the road shouting and waving his arms, and making signs for the vehicles to stop.

The housekeeper, who was in the first coach, put her head out of the window.

"Good gracious!" she exclaimed, "it is our Joe! Whatever can have happened?"

Joe came to the carriage window, panting, pale, and with fright in his eyes.

"You never took him with you," cried Joe. "Why didn't you take him? Why did you take his coffin, and leave him behind?"

"Leave who behind? What are you talking about, lad? Have you gone crazy?"

"It wouldn't be wonderful if I had," returned Joe in horrified tones. "How could he have got out?" And he stared at the occupants of the mourning-coach for an explanation.

"Who is it you are speaking of, my lad?" asked Doctor Blinker.

"Who? Why, him, old Mr. Pikerust. He is at home sitting by the kitchen fire."

The housekeeper gazed at Joe in bewilderment.

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sometimes rouses suddenly, and, for a few moments, before he breathes his last; especially if he has anything weighing on his mind."

"On his conscience, do you mean, doctor?"

"Which you please to term it. But I should judge that he is not troubled much by his conscience, do you mean?"

"Except that time—four years ago, doctor, you remember? When he went away to Bristol, wasn't it?"

And Dr. Blinker, after giving the nurse a few final directions went his way, quite as briskly as might be expected of a man of seventy.

Nurse Buncy returned to the sick chamber, and to the bedside of her patient. For a man who had led a tolerably even life it was with anything but a tranquil brow that she faced him.

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

## PIPER PAN.

Most of the colleges and schools of music in London are re-opening during this and next week. The Royal Academy leads the way on Thursday, when the Michaelmas term will begin. On the following Monday work recommences at the Guildhall School and the Royal College, and at Trinity College the next term begins on Oct. 1. The London Academy is also re-opening, and many other musical institutions.

In connection with the Royal College of Music, it may be interesting to mention that a junior department for pupils up to 16 years of age is now open at reduced fees. This is an excellent plan. Too often juvenile musical education is relegated to the nursery or morning governess, and when the time arrives for more advanced study the unfortunate "finishing" professor has countless faults of time, intonation, and fingerling to eradicate. But if the small beginner has been "ground" from the beginning by first-class teachers, both fingers, voice, and ears are prepared for higher work, and pupil and master are thus saved loss of time and temper.

The Birmingham Musical Festival of 1897 opens on the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 5, with "Elijah," and in the evening Mr. Edward German's new oratorio work (composed expressly for the festival) will be heard for the first time. The first performance of Professor Stanford's new "Requiem" will take place the next (Wednesday) morning, and on the Thursday evening Mr. Arthur Somervell's new cantata, "Ode to the Sea" (composed expressly for the festival) will be performed. The other works to be given during the 6 days' music are already familiar with the musical public. Messieurs Alhambra, Florence, Foster, Williams, Bruma, and Crossley; Messrs. Lloyd-May, Davies, Black, Greene, and Bisham are the principal vocalists engaged, and Dr. Hans Richter will conduct the performances.

It was a happy idea of Mr. Newman and M. Lamoureux to arrange in letter to give 10 orchestral concerts in London with the Queen's Hall permanent orchestra between November and May. It will be interesting to note what the Parisian conductor does with the fine body of instrumentalists that Mr. Henry Wood has so skilfully organised, and directed in such a masterly manner.

Had it not been for the arrangement with Mr. Newman, M. Lamoureux would probably not have appeared in London. Now that he is devoting most of his money and time to building an opera house for the Paris Exhibition of 1900 he finds himself unable to continue his concerts in Paris, and the famous Lamoureux orchestra will therefore be disbanded.

It is said that performances of "Die Siegfried," "Tristan," and "Die Meistersinger" will be given at Covent Garden next year, under the auspices of M. Jean de Reszke. The Brothers De Reszke, Herr Rechmann, and Messieurs Eames and Moran-Olden are mentioned in connection with the scheme. But perhaps the greatest experiment centres in the name of Dr. Hans Richter, the greatest of living orchestral directors, as the probable conductor.

Mr. Gran has been trying to induce Frau Cosima Wagner to grant him permission to produce "Parsifal" in America. But it seems unlikely that the acute lady will consent to performances elsewhere than Bayreuth, considering the large amount of money exacted at the festival there, thousands of the visitors going simply to hear "Parsifal," which cannot at present be heard in any other place.

I am pleased to learn that "Rip Van Winkle" is drawing such large houses to Her Majesty's that Mr. Edmunds is giving matinees of the opera.

When one hears of Mr. Sims Reeves making his re-appearance at the proenade concerts it seems hard to realise that the veteran tenor will enter into his 80th year on the 26th of this month.

M. Gabriel Fauré is writing an opera to a libretto by Zola, entitled "L'Ouragan." The French composer is also said to be at work upon a ballet which he has been commissioned to write for Covent Garden.

## BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

The following note from a correspondent of *S. Augustine's*, N.W., is of considerable interest as extending the range of the nightingales in this country, if not a nightingale—"In last Saturday's 'People' you mentioned that the nightingale is not met with much further westwards than the eastern border of Wales. I can give an instance of its occurrence in Monmouthshire 4 years ago. I was living at Newtown, and about 3 miles out one was heard. It soon became known, and a considerable number of people used to go in the evening to listen to it. After it had been there about a fortnight some unscrupulous brute shot it. You can imagine what indignation the wanton act of killing this rare bird caused in the neighbourhood."

This week there have been 2 more children attacked by ferrets—one at South Norwood, whose face was most terribly lacerated and gnawed, the other near Armagh, whose lips and gums were eaten away. I am not at all surprised that these attacks are of such frequent occurrence, for many times at country places I have come across ferrets kept in most unsanitary and insecure cages. I am, however, rather astonished that the owners of these bloodthirsty little creatures after seeing in the papers so many horrible accounts of the mischief they have caused when loose, do not take more trouble to have them safely housed. When hungry the ferret stops at nothing, and the sight and smell of blood almost infuses it.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Sept. 15 include a Chilean sea-eagle, an Indian civet cat, a king parrot, a ring-tailed civet, a kinkajou, a brown capuchin monkey, 2 common marmosets, a Patagonian cavy (born in the gardens), a chacma baboon, a coypu, a Leva lant's amazon, a European pond tortoise, a water vole (black

variety), 4 little-ringed plovers, a hoopoe, and an Arctic fox.

The gavial, of which we give a figure, is an animal which has been almost constantly represented in the Zoological Society's collection since the arrival at the Gardens of a young male in 1866. It does remarkably well



THE GAVIAL.

in confinement, and on many occasions has bred in the Zoo, not only "inter se," but with other members of its race, such as the American bison and the zebra. The colour of the adult gavial is of a uniform dark brown, almost black, with the exception of the lower parts of the legs which are of a dirty white. It has a large head with flat forehead and short thick horns, slightly curved upwards. The young animal is of a fawn colour, with chin, chest, and inner sides of the legs whitish.

In its native haunts—Northern India—the gavial is generally a more or less domesticated animal, and although it is known to be a distinct wild species very little is known of it in a feral state, and its distribution is a matter of uncertainty. From the massive appearance of the animal it would be thought that it was well adapted for performing such work as the horse and other oxen, but there is no record from India of its ever having been trained for this purpose and employed. The native appears to keep it for food. Large herds of the best are kept in some districts, and these are allowed to roam at will in the forests, but they usually find their way back to their homes at night. The gavial seems not to be of so ferocious a disposition as some of its relatives such as the buffalo and gaur, at any rate such exciting stories have not been told about it as about the last-mentioned animals.

Not many years ago the buzzard was a fairly common bird in most parts of England, but now, on account of its undue persecution, in many localities it is scarcely seen that when an individual does put in an appearance it is looked upon quite as an event. Very recently a specimen was captured in a vermin trap in Hertfordshire, and ought now to be brought to perch

The famous broads and rivers of Norfolk have been well patronised of late, and quantities of bream have, as usual, rewarded anglers in that district. These grand waters always yield sport, and some good jack and perch ought now to be brought to perch

The sea anglers appear to have done well at most places, and at Great Yarmouth, Southend, and other seaside resorts, many rods have been at work. A lady, fishing from a boat at Deal, recently succeeded in landing a dog-fish, which turned the scale at 12lb., a size rarely taken in the locality. John Bingham, of Kingdown, was the boatman employed, and the fish was weighed in when brought ashore.

I hear from Mr. F. Brown, the well-known secretary of the Reading and District Angling Association, that they have recently placed a considerable quantity of good fish in the Thames at a suitable spot about 1 mile from Reading. Among them were a large number of roach (some scaling up to 2lb. each), pike, perch, dace, and grayling. The weather was against them at the time, a furious storm raging, so that many were unfortunately lost. The whole were netted from private water, and will be of great service in that part of the river.

Talking of re-stocking, reminds me that the time for the annual collection for the Rivers Preservation Fund is at hand, and it is hoped very shortly to have the usual balance-sheet and appeal. May I urge upon all anglers, members of clubs or otherwise, the desirability of supporting so good an association, the whole of the money subscribed being strictly devoted to the increase of their sport, through the united efforts of the two associations, and clear of costs of every kind. If secretaries will only bear the fund in mind when making their concert arrangements and the like, the year's collection is certain to prove the success all honest anglers would desire.

Death has been busy among the fraternity of late, and the honoured name of Mr. W. S. Holding must now unfortunately be added to the list of those who have recently passed away. Although Mr. Holding was more widely known as a cyclist than an angler, he was, as a member of the United Brothers (Denford), Greenwich, and other angling societies, held in great esteem, and his genial face and body will be sadly missed at many an angler's gathering.

The Birmingham and District Angling Association fished the great annual pegged down match at Pershore on Monday last, in which no less than 630 competitors took part, members of the 60 clubs belonging to the association. The party were conveyed by special train to Pershore, where the most comfortable arrangements had been made for the outing. London anglers have little idea of the interest evoked by the competition, the prizes offered being some £40, given by the association, in addition to the splendid silver challenge cup of the value of £50, held by the winning club. At the close of the contest no less than 150 anglers weighed in, the victor being Mr. W. Hooper (of the Hilly Fields), with 2lb. 13oz. of fish. Messrs. W. Jones (Deritend) and A. Kimberley (St. Paul's) came next, with slightly lesser weights. The takes were small throughout, but the contest only lasted 3 hours. Mr. C. White (secretary) and the committee generally did their utmost to secure the success attained.

The monthly delegate meeting of the Anglers' Association takes place at the Foresters' Hall, Clerkenwell, on Monday, Sept. 29. The chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

The Great Northern Brothers had a comparatively poor show of fish at the last outing, although Mr. J. Hewitt headed the list of successful anglers with 7lb. 4oz. of bream, and Messrs. Collier, C. Walling, J. Large, and others weighed in. The prizes won in the Central Association competition at Pulteney were to be handed to the winners at the Robin Hood on Monday, Sept. 27, with the exception of the Emden Challenge Cup, which, under the rules laid down by the association, has not yet been finally won.

## GENERAL CHATTER.

"The People" above the clouds is the inscription accompanying a highly-finished and beautiful photograph which I have just received from a gallant gunner at Meerut. It represents a group of 6 sergeants and one private of Royal Horse Artillery, at a hill station, "8,000ft. above sea level." The correspondent suggests the buying of a plot of ground and building workshops. But that would not be of the slightest use, for in nine cases out of ten the able-bodied pauper goes inside the workshop to get away from the workshop. Again, he says: "Can not the master be brought into a workshop of this kind and taught a trade, and so kept from propping up public-houses with his hands in his pockets?"

Mr. Robertson looks a little like a

gay Englishman of to-day. I fancy, too—I may be wrong—that he never once wears a hat or cap. In the graveyard scene he dons a cloak with a hood to it, and that hood he quickly removes.

Though Mr. Gilbert's new drama is to be produced in the country, it will have a cast of quite metropolitan strength. Besides Miss Fortescue as the Australian heiress, there will be Miss Cicely Richards as the comic Duchess of Dundee, Mr. Luigi Lablache and Mr. Edmund Maurice as the rivals for Miss Fortescue's love, and Mr. G. P. Hawtry, Mr. Ivan Watson, and Mr. Compton Coutts for minor roles. Under such circumstances, Mr. Gilbert's work should have full justice done to it.

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The Thames is in fair angling order, but not in its best condition. Anglers in the T.A.P.S. district have no reason to complain of want of sport. Some good fish have been taken during the last week. A barbel of 7lb. caught by Mr. Phillips at Teddington, and a roach of 1lb. by Mr. Smith at Twickenham. Quantities of roach have been brought ashore at nearly all stations, and anglers fishing from the bank have also come in for a share of the spoil.

There is very little to report from the Lee or Arun, and no large captures have been made in either river during the past week. The Arun is sure before long to justify its reputation, and good sport may safely be anticipated in the Pulteney and Amberley district.

The famous broads and rivers of Norfolk have been well patronised of late, and quantities of bream have, as usual, rewarded anglers in that district. These grand waters always yield sport, and some good jack and perch ought now to be brought to perch

The sea anglers appear to have done well at most places, and at Great Yarmouth, Southend, and other seaside resorts, many rods have been at work. A lady, fishing from a boat at Deal, recently succeeded in landing a dog-fish, which turned the scale at 12lb., a size rarely taken in the locality. John Bingham, of Kingdown, was the boatman employed, and the fish was weighed in when brought ashore.

I hear from Mr. F. Brown, the well-known secretary of the Reading and District Angling Association, that they have recently placed a considerable quantity of good fish in the Thames at a suitable spot about 1 mile from Reading. Among them were a large number of roach (some scaling up to 2lb. each), pike, perch, dace, and grayling. The weather was against them at the time, a furious storm raging, so that many were unfortunately lost. The whole were netted from private water, and will be of great service in that part of the river.

Talking of re-stocking, reminds me that the time for the annual collection for the Rivers Preservation Fund is at hand, and it is hoped very shortly to have the usual balance-sheet and appeal. May I urge upon all anglers, members of clubs or otherwise, the desirability of supporting so good an association, the whole of the money subscribed being strictly devoted to the increase of their sport, through the united efforts of the two associations, and clear of costs of every kind. If secretaries will only bear the fund in mind when making their concert arrangements and the like, the year's collection is certain to prove the success all honest anglers would desire.

Death has been busy among the fraternity of late, and the honoured name of Mr. W. S. Holding must now unfortunately be added to the list of those who have recently passed away. Although Mr. Holding was more widely known as a cyclist than an angler, he was, as a member of the United Brothers (Denford), Greenwich, and other angling societies, held in great esteem, and his genial face and body will be sadly missed at many an angler's gathering.

The Birmingham and District Angling Association fished the great annual pegged down match at Pershore on Monday last, in which no less than 630 competitors took part, members of the 60 clubs belonging to the association. The party were conveyed by special train to Pershore, where the most comfortable arrangements had been made for the outing. London anglers have little idea of the interest evoked by the competition, the prizes offered being some £40, given by the association, in addition to the splendid silver challenge cup of the value of £50, held by the winning club. At the close of the contest no less than 150 anglers weighed in, the victor being Mr. W. Hooper (of the Hilly Fields), with 2lb. 13oz. of fish. Messrs. W. Jones (Deritend) and A. Kimberley (St. Paul's) came next, with slightly lesser weights. The takes were small throughout, but the contest only lasted 3 hours. Mr. C. White (secretary) and the committee generally did their utmost to secure the success attained.

The monthly delegate meeting of the Anglers' Association takes place at the Foresters' Hall, Clerkenwell, on Monday, Sept. 29. The chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

The Great Northern Brothers had a comparatively poor show of fish at the last outing, although Mr. J. Hewitt headed the list of successful anglers with 7lb. 4oz. of bream, and Messrs. Collier, C. Walling, J. Large, and others weighed in. The prizes won in the Central Association competition at Pulteney were to be handed to the winners at the Robin Hood on Monday, Sept. 27, with the exception of the Emden Challenge Cup, which, under the rules laid down by the association, has not yet been finally won.

## GENERAL CHATTER.

"The People" above the clouds is the inscription accompanying a highly-finished and beautiful photograph which I have just received from a gallant gunner at Meerut. It represents a group of 6 sergeants and one private of Royal Horse Artillery, at a hill station, "8,000ft. above sea level." The correspondent suggests the buying of a plot of ground and building workshops. But that would not be of the slightest use, for in nine cases out of ten the able-bodied pauper goes inside the workshop to get away from the workshop. Again, he says: "Can not the master be brought into a workshop of this kind and taught a trade, and so kept from propping up public-houses with his hands in his pockets?"

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**GARDEN TOMATO PICKLES.**—Cut the green tomatoes into slices, sprinkle them well with salt, and let them stand for 12 to 15 hours, then drain well and put them in a sauceman over the fire with fresh water, changing it till all the salt is washed out. When thoroughly washed and partially cooked, drain them well again, and put them into a boiling hot syrup made of the following proportions—i.e., to every pint of vinegar allow 3lb. of sugar, 1oz. of cinnamon, and 1oz. of cloves. Simmer the tomatoes in this until they are tender, then carefully lift them out, one by one, without breaking the slices, and put them into a preserving jar, and pour over them the syrup. Reduce the syrup by further boiling, and pour it over them. After a day, boil up the syrup again, and again pour it over the tomatoes, and when they are cold tie them down, carefully covering them as you would to exclude air, and store in a dry, cool place.

**TO RE-FASTEN KNIVES INTO THEIR HANDLES.**—Take 4 parts of resin and one part of beeswax, melt these together by means of a hot water bath, and when melted stir in one part of powdered plaster of Paris, or, as some prefer, one part of fine white sand. When cold, reduce the mixture to powder, with which fill the cavity in the knife handle. This cavity must have been thoroughly cleaned, and in no way greasy before you put in the powder. Now heat the lower end, or, if it is technically called, the tang of the knife blade not over much, but sufficiently to enable it to fuse or melt the powder, carefully and steadily heat it into the cavity, and let it cool.

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**FINISHING, POLISHING, AND DOING WALKING-STICKS.**—I have not space to answer in detail all the queries my friends have put to me about their sticks. For the old shabby-looking sticks that need a touching up the first thing to be accomplished is the removal of the old varnish; this can only be got rid of by applying good strong liquor ammonia, apply it more than once if necessary, but be sure that all trace of the old varnish is off before you stop, then rinse and each stick well, and let it get perfectly dry before you proceed to colour or re-varnish, which is to be done in the same way as the new sticks are done.

The North London Rifle Club had a very favourable day at Ilford on Wednesday for the usual competition. The honours rested with Pte. E. H. Howard, 1st Class, who was at short range and 35 at long distances. The shooting at short ranges was in Volunteer positions, commencing at 600 yards. In Class I. spoons were awarded to Pte. Johnson, L.R.B. (99), Lieut. Howard, 3rd East Surrey (89), Sergt. E. Howe, 1st Berks (97), and Pte. H. H. H. (96). In Class II. spoons were awarded to Mr. H. Howell, 2nd East Surrey (96), Pte. Bradling, L.R.B. (96), Pte. Parkinson, Civil Service (96), and Colr.-sergt. Barker, Customs and Docks (95), were presented; whilst Sergt. H. H. 2nd London, and Pte. Willett, Artists (95), were counted out. In Class III. spoons were won by Pte. J. Callen, 3rd Middlesex (96), and Sergt. J. C. H. (96). In Class IV. spoons were taken by Pte. Ellington, 4th West Surrey (93), took the spoon; whilst in Class V. Mr. Richards was successful with 99 points.

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## INDIA.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.  
REPORTED YESTERDAY.  
A GENERAL'S ESCAPE.  
HEAVY BRITISH LOSSES IN  
OFFICERS AND MEN.

## LADIES' GALLANTRY.

Yesterday's details of the heavy fighting against the Mohmands aptly conclude a week of brilliant fighting on our N.W. frontier. According to Reuter's special correspondent at camp Anayat, Gen. Jeffrey's Brigade moved out to attack the Mohmands in the valley N. of the camp to punish them for their attack on the camp on the 11th. The Bengal Lancers found the enemy on the hills 8 miles from camp. The 35th Sikhs were ordered to attack, supported by 4 guns of No. 8 Mountain Battery and 6 companies of the Buffs. The Sikhs drove the enemy into the hills, but eventually retired before superior numbers on to the Buffs. The enemy then advanced against the left flank. They drove back the cavalry and surrounded a company of Sikhs.

THE CAVALRY CHARGED and relieved the Sikhs, and the Guides, coming up, swept the enemy back. The force halted for some time, destroying the enemy's towers, and then retired. A company of Sikhs on the hills on the extreme right was hard pressed and running short of ammunition, when the General Officer commanding moved the Guides forward to relieve them. This they did in gallant style, the Guides carrying the wounded Sikhs back. The retirement was carried out in good order, the enemy pressing. Darkness came on before the force reached camp, and the Guides, with Gen. Jeffreys and the escort of Buffs, became

SEPARATED FROM THE COLUMN, which passed them in the darkness. Gen. Jeffreys remained with the guns and took up a position in a village. The enemy occupied part of the village, and, the escort not being strong enough to drive them out, they inflicted considerable loss on the little party before Maj. J. F. Worldie, with 2 companies of the 35th Sikhs and 2 of the Guides, came up and compelled them to retire. The cavalry and the 38th Dogras went out from camp before daybreak and brought in the whole detachment. Capt. Birch, R.A., and Lieut. Watson, R.E., behaved with great gallantry. Our casualties were 9 officers and 129 rank and file killed and wounded. The officers killed were: Lieut. Hughes, 35th Sikhs, and Lieut. A. T. Crawford, R.A. Lieut. Watson, R.E. Lieut. Gunning, 33rd Sikhs, and Lieut. Winter, R.A., were severely wounded. Gen. Jeffreys, — Hyder, Lieut. Cassels, 35th Sikhs, and Capt. Birch, R.A., were slightly wounded. The following are the

DETAILS OF THE CASUALTIES among the rank and file so far as it has been possible to ascertain them:—Buffs, 1 killed and 7 wounded; Sikhs, 21 killed and 42 wounded; Guides, 2 killed and 10 wounded; gunners, 7 killed and 21 wounded; gunners, 3 killed and 16 wounded; 11th Bengal Lancers, 2 wounded. A large number of mules and horses were killed. The following are the

## CHILDREN UNDER FIRE.

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OFFICIAL DESPATCH. The following telegrams from the Viceroy, dated Sept. 17, were received at the India Office yesterday:—Mohmand: Genl. Blood reports 14 Sept.: Arrived at Nawagai. Khan is rendering assistance. Adda Mulla reported to be on Bedmanai Pass with small gathering. Genl. officer commanding 2nd Brigade reports cavalry pursued Mohmands concerned in attack on camp, killing 21, without suffering loss, but casualties 14 Sept. included 1 more Sepoy killed, also 73 horses and mules killed and wounded. 1st Brigade now at Mayal Kila. 2nd Brigade have returned Panjaura, with stored rations and ammunition ordered up by Blood, and will remain until receipt of further orders. Health of troops good.

## THIRTY HOURS' FIGHTING.

The Orakzais and Afridis who, after capturing the post of Saragari in the Samana Hills, attacked the fort at Gulistan on Monday, has been driven back and severely handled by Gen. Jeffrey's relief column. The force started very early on Tuesday morning from Haung, and first encountered a body of Orakzais holding a strong position at Gogra. This was carried by 2 battalions of Goorkhas, under a covering fire of artillery and Lee-Metford rifles, with very trifling loss. Gen. Biggs advanced to Fort Lockhart, whence he could reconnoitring the Saragari position, which he found held by the Afridis in great force, but they were driven out and compelled to retreat by the artillery fire alone, and the infantry crossed the ridge unopposed. The fort at Gulistan was next relieved, the enemy taking to flight even before the guns could be got into action. A hot fire was opened on the fugitives, and kept up until they had entirely disappeared. Having reinforced the garrison of the fort with a regiment of Punjab infantry and 2 guns, Gen. Biggs returned with the remainder of the force to Fort Lockhart.

THE SIEGE OF FORT CAVAGHARI. It seems to have been a touch-and-go affair at Gulistan. When the reinforcements arrived the enemy, in great strength, were within 400 yards of the fort, and were understood to be preparing to assault it in the manner which was unfortunately so successful at Fort Saragari. To the great disappointment of the relieving force, the fugitives began to retire on its arrival. The British commander at once ordered up guns and shelled them. He also directed a pursuit, but our men were unable to flank the enemy or turn them. The Samana forts are, it may be mentioned, 70 miles from the rail head, and the road, as one of the military dispatches says, are "vile." Lord Walsingham's congratulation

to be sent to the British forces on the excellent work they have accomplished. With regard to the Mohmand expedition on the Chitral road, Gen. Eliot's division of the expeditionary force started from Shabkadar on Wednesday morning. The 2nd Brigade of the Mohmand force under Gen. Jeffreys reached the north foot of the Kafur Pass on the 14th inst.

without opposition, but during the night the camp was attacked by the enemy, who kept up a heavy fire for 6 hours. The British loss was as follows:—Lieut. Tomkins and Bailey, of the 33rd Dogras, killed; Lieut. Harrington, 26th Junsab Infantry, dangerously wounded. Two men were killed and 5 wounded. There were 23 casualties of horses and mules.

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Mrs. DES VOUX.

Des Vaux, wife of the commandant, her 4 children, and 2 nurses. At 4 o'clock on the 12th the enemy closed in all round, and got within 10 yards of the fort's walls. The garrison repeatedly met them with the bayonet. A Havildar, with 16 men,

CHARGED INTO THE MIDST of a band of 300 tribesmen, and captured 3 standards. Another Havildar, at the head of 10 of the Sikhs, rushed out to the help of the first party, who were being pressed, and before returning into the fort had themselves taken 3 more standards. A wounded man was left in danger. A Subadar with 2 men dashed out in the most gallant fashion, and brought their comrade safely into the fort. The same kind of hard fighting went on all through the 13th, the enemy on that day being close up under the walls. When at last the reinforcements came, and the Afridis fled under the fire of Gen. Biggs's artillery, the officers and men of the garrison had been at their posts for 30 continuous hours. The casualties were 2 killed and 35 wounded.

AN INTERESTING EPISODE in connection with the memorable defence of Fort Lockhart is described by a special correspondent. With the ingenuity engendered by men when in a tight corner, the garrison had improvised a "scatter gun," using for the purpose a telegraph post bound with wire and some fireballs consisting of yarn thoroughly soaked with oil. These were bound on a stick, and by an ingenious device were thrown to a distance of 50 yards outside the fort. They burst into a bright flame as they circled through the air, and, much like the star-shell, threw a brilliant light for a considerable distance round. They were invaluable during the night attacks of the enemy, clearly showing all the movements of the tribesmen desirous to keep secret.

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HOW BREAD IS MADE. The Bakers and Confectioners' Fifth Annual Exhibition and Market was opened this week at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and does not close until Thursday. One of the chief features of interest is an English model bakery, erected at the expense of the leading members of the baking and confectionery trade. The bakery is a large structure, in erecting which for some time past 60 workmen have been engaged, and stands as a marked proof of the immense strides made in the baking trade of late years. Other leading attractions are a working chocolate factory and a sugar sweet stuff manufacture on a large scale. Many novelties in appliances, labour-saving machinery, methods of manufacture, and products are shown for the first time. Competitions in the various branches of bakery and confectionery will be held daily.

A BURGLAR'S GOOD POINTS. The house of Mr. W. H. Pennington, one of the survivors of Balachka, living in Princess May-nd., Stoke Newington, has been visited by burglars, who carried off certain jewellery and medals of no considerable value to any one but the owner. The house had been left temporarily unoccupied. The thieves overlooked a sum of £11, which had been placed in a room, but they took only 2 highly-prized medals, one from Queen Victoria, and the other from the Sultan of Turkey. This week Mr. Pennington received an unpaid postal receipt containing his medals and the following note:— "Dear Sir,—I return your medal. I was very sorry I had taken them, not knowing what they were at the time. They would only have fetched me £4, so you can send me the money by return of post."

SALISBURY'S NEXT SPEECH. A great deal of importance is attached in political circles to the speech which Lord Salisbury is to deliver at the forthcoming conference of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations, which is to be held this year in London in the middle of November. Coming as it does only a week later than the Guildhall banquet, the Premier's speech at the Albert Hall, which has been secured for the occasion, is not expected to contain any extended reference to foreign affairs. In view, however, of the triennial County Council elections in March, next, coupled with the fact that London questions are expected to occupy a prominent place in the legislative programme of next session, the speech of the Marquis may be expected to afford some indication at least of the policy which the Government intend to pursue in regard to London and London local questions.

A public meeting will be held on Peckham Rye to-day, at 3 p.m., to protest against the closing of One Tree Hill. Chairman, Mr. J. Thornton, L.C.C.

THE CURSE OF CIVILISATION AND ITS CURE FOR NINEPENCE. On money refunded, by DOCTOR SANDY. Lives, the tiniest vegetable seed on earth, will grow you. One seed a dose. One bottle sufficient for one year. One seed a dose in a bottle. New Grand Discovery. Will cure Consumption, Liver Complaints, Indigestion, Hypersarc, Nervous Weakness, Rheumatism, &c. For sale by all medicine-dealers, at Ninepence each, or post paid for ninepence stamp. Druggist's MEDICINE CO. 26, Hart Street, Sloane Square, London. Mention this paper.—(Advt.)

miracle. Lord Fincastle now endeavoured to raise poor Greaves's body on to Col. Adams's saddle, but found himself unable to do so, and a rush of Ghazis coming down the hill at the moment Col. Adams moved a few yards to the right to intercept them. Lord Fincastle then dropped the body and stood over it until the arrival of 2 sowars. While one of the latter was assisting Lord Fincastle to raise Greaves a bullet passed through his chest, and it was

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## TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

There seems to be a silly notion abroad in some quarters that the way is to stop addition in India is by what is known as "conciliation." Nothing more ridiculous or ignorant was ever formed. The Oriental is not like the European; there are only two things which he understands, weakness and strength; and anything between these two he cannot comprehend. All he asks is to be firmly and not too unjustly governed; but if there is any lack of strength, he at once puts it down to feeble-mindedness of mind or body, and immediately sets to work to take advantage of his ruler. All Oriental history shows that the moment an Indian ruler began to make concessions his reign was at an end; somebody stronger took his place usually after an appalling shedding of blood, and the people settled down comfortably under their new lord.

The French need watching in West Africa quite as much as in the Northeast of the Continent. According to a correspondent of "The Globe," they are now engaged in building a railway from the coast to the interior, so as to effectually shut off our colony of Sierra Leone from the hinterland with which it has been accustomed to trade for centuries past. The administrators of the French Guinea Coast have been hard at work trying to ruin Freetown, and to cut us off from the French markets of Fanta-Jallon. The hinterland theory seems to hold good or every nation but Great Britain. All over Africa we have surrendered what we justly own so that we might not interfere with our neighbours' markets in the interior, but when our own rights are in question nobody takes any heed of them—ourselves least of all. And yet we are called a grasping race.

Austrian Archdukes in general, and the heir to the throne in particular, seem to be looked upon as the special game of the scandal-mongers. The latest story is that the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, who will be remembered as riding among the princes in the Jubilee procession, has contracted a clandestine marriage in London with a lady who was housekeeper or book-keeper at Herr Krupp's, of gun-making fame, and the couple are said to be honeymooning in Algiers. In Vienna they look upon the report as absurd, and that is the view that most of us will take. The Archduke has only just resumed his place as heir-presumptive after his serious illness, and he is hardly likely to throw away his reversion to the throne by an act which would make the Emperor and the Austrians furious with him. But, after all, the weak point of the story is that the Archduke is not in Algiers at all, but in Hungary.

## WIDE AWAKE.

**BURNED TO DEATH.** Mary Fauchet, Chatham, died in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, under melancholy circumstances. While lying in bed she was in the act of placing her handkerchief upon a chair, when it came in contact with the flame of a paraffin lamp, and the fire spread to the bed. Her screams brought assistance, but her injuries were so severe that she succumbed as stated.

**AN ALLEGED WRONG.** Yesterday, Mr. Reeves, of High-street, Lewisham, commenced legal proceedings against the Lewisham Board of Guardians for compensation for alleged illegal imprisonment. It appears that Reeves was ordered to pay 7s. per week towards the support of his grandchild, and on his default in payment he was, at the instigation of the guardians, prosecuted and sent to prison. On his release it transpired that his daughter had, prior to the prosecution, married again, and that consequently her husband, and not her father, was liable for the support of the children, and this being so Reeves claims that he was wrongfully imprisoned.

**THREE GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH.** A Dalziel telegram of yesterday says a terrible catastrophe has taken place at Port Alina, Ontario. A prosperous farmer named Howard awoke during Friday night and found his house in flames. He, his wife, and 3 sons managed to make their escape, but his 3 daughters, aged respectively 16, 10, and 6 years, were burnt to death. The eldest daughter displayed the greatest heroism. She had already made her way out of the burning building, but learning that her 2 little sisters were still in it, she rushed back into the flames in the attempt to save them, but was overcome by the smoke and heat, and all 3 lost their lives. Two of the sons were badly burnt, and the farmer's wife is so seriously injured that her recovery is looked upon as hopeless.

**TEMPERANCE CHOIR.** The Nottingham Tabernacle Temperance Choir again won the challenge shield at the Temperance Choral Festival at Portsmouth yesterday, Bristol Crystal Palace Choir being second, and Cardiff Blue Ribbon third. Birmingham Philharmonic and Portsmouth Lake-nd, took first awards in other contests.

**THE CHURCH AND TEMPERANCE.**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has intimated his intention of taking part in the annual festival of the Church of England Temperance Society for the Diocese of Canterbury, which will this year be held at Bromley, Kent. His Grace will preach on Oct. 17, and address meetings on the following day. The Bishop of Dover (Bishop-designate of Wakefield), who is the chairman of the Diocesan Society, and to whom in a great measure it owes its prosperity, will also take part in the festival.

**ALLEGED SLAVERY.**

A yesterday's Dalziel telegram from New York says that a singular affair, revealing that 5 negroes have been kept in a condition of virtual slavery, is contrived as a sign of weakness. Our troops in Egypt are usually kept very close, in order not to offend those precious native susceptibilities of which we are always hearing so much, but Gen. Henderson is going to make an excellent innovation by marching his troops through the country and by visiting important towns. This action will not impress the natives with a show of force, but will let them see that British soldiers are not the ogres that these papers represent them.

**THE DECISION TO EXHIBIT THE JUBILEE.** The decision to exhibit the Jubilee gifts at the Imperial Institute is one of those kindly acts so characteristic of the Queen. One-half of the proceeds of the exhibition is to go to the Prince

## LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

## HOME.

An inquest was held on Geo. Glaze, publican and deputy manager of Stour Colliery, Cradley Heath, who was killed in the pit by a fall of coal. Verdict, accidental death.

A fire broke out on Southport Pier, and damage to the extent of about £4,000 was done. The fire originated in the pavilion, which was erected about 5 years ago.

The funeral of the Marquis of Northampton took place at Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ely, brother of deceased, and the Rev. E. M. Carrick, Rector of Castle Ashby.

Horace Southall, of Powke-lane, Rowley, died from poisoning. Deceased's parents had some carbolic acid in the house, and deceased, thinking it was ginger beer, drank a quantity.

The dead body of Richard Smithills, miner, 22, was found in the Newton Colliery, Clifton, near Manchester. It is supposed he lost his way in the workings and was overtaken by foul gas.

It is announced that the Rochdale Town Council have decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. J. Leach to the post of town clerk. He has been deputy town clerk for about 5 years. The salary is £500 a year.

Forde Sheridan and Dudley Sheridan were committed to the Manchester Assizes on charges of conspiracy and libel in connection with statements in the "Financial Post," with reference to Wm. Bowden, director of Commerce, Ltd.

Henry Thornton, cab proprietor, was at Lancaster fined 4s. and costs for drunkenness, and James Duckett, driver, the same amount for assaulting a constable at Morecambe. Both were alleged to have brutally assaulted the constable, who was round unconscious.

The dead body of George Beecher was found in a field at Witley, near Guildford. From things in his possession, there is little doubt that he died whilst poaching. There was nothing to indicate that a struggle had taken place.

At Bristol, Edward Kiley, 19, was sent to gaol for a month for stealing a pair of trousers and a waistcoat from a lodging-house. A pawnbroker's assistant spoke to Kiley pledging the goods. He pleaded guilty, and said he was hungry.

The tin-platers at the Llantrisant Works, owned by Mr. Edwards, of Morriston, and closed for several months, have agreed to re-start at 15 per cent. reduction on the 1874 list, the employer making a small concession.

The September fair for cattle and horses was held at Bury. There was a very good show of heifers and cows, and the display generally was the best shown at this fair for some years. Irish breeds being strongly represented.

Enormous catches of herrings are being landed at Scarborough, and the market is so glutted that prices have gone down from 4s. to 7s. 6d. per ton. Despite the quantity packed and sent inland an enormous quantity will have to be used for manure.

In consequence of strikes in the tin-plate works in the Forest of Dean, most of the football clubs which depend on the men for players are in an impoverished condition. The Lydney and Lydbrook clubs have been compelled to cancel all fixtures for the season.

John Ellis was sentenced to 14 days at Coventry for causing an obstruction with a truck near the railway station. On hearing the sentence prisoner shouted, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself to put 14 days on a man trying to get honest living." He was removed uttering imprecations.

Samuel Taylor, butcher, Winsford, was charged with being drunk and assaulting the police. P.C. Cope found prisoner lying asleep in Apple Market. When roused he violently struck the officer in the chest, kicked him, and threw him to the ground. Fined 21s.

Owing to an accident a water famine prevails at Southampton, causing great inconvenience. Exciting scenes were witnessed in the streets, the inhabitants rushing after the water carts and literally fighting for water. The fire engines are pumping the wells to supply the electric light works.

John Soulby, bookmaker, was charged at Sunderland with infringing the Durban County Council by-laws by taking bets in the street at Silksworth Colliery. The police had only proved seeing defendant once, and, as that did not constitute "habitual" betting, the case was dismissed.

At Shefield, an inquest was held on Eva Crow, gold, infant daughter of a painter. The child, who was unable to walk, was left seated before a fire when suddenly agonising cries were heard, and the child's clothing was found in flames, the injuries sustained quickly proving fatal. Verdict, accidental death.

Frd. Plant, brewer's agent, was charged at Buxton with assaulting Geo. Swindells, farmer. There was a cross summons. Swindells had his eyes blackened, his lips cut, his hand injured, and his teeth loosened. He said there was no provocation given. Plant's case was that Swindells threw a glass at him in the Eagle. Plant fined 4s. and Swindells 2s.

## FOREIGN.

The price of bread in Spain is rising.—REUTER.

The Czar will be present next month at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Greek chapel at Darmstadt.—REUTER.

A company of infantry has been ordered to Morella owing to apprehensions of a possible Carlist rising at that place.—REUTER.

A serious epidemic of small-pox has broken out at Larnaca (Cyprus), and a great panic prevails among the inhabitants, many of whom are leaving the town.—REUTER.

A despatch from Khabarovka states that railway communication has now been established between that place and Vladivostok, and that the line will be opened for traffic at an early date.—REUTER.

The sprain which prevented Miss Marie Elbin from appearing in "Hansel and Gretel" at Her Majesty's yesterday afternoon, and necessitated the substitution of "Rip Van Winkle," is happily not serious, and it is to be hoped that the rest of to-day and Monday will ensure her appearance as Hansel on Tuesday.

The decision to exhibit the Jubilee gifts at the Imperial Institute is one of those kindly acts so characteristic of the Queen. One-half of the proceeds of the exhibition is to go to the Prince

## DUKE OF YORK'S LAST NIGHT.

After an absence from England during a prolonged professional tour at the Antipodes, Mr. Kyle Bell and Mrs. Brown Potter have returned home, and made their re-appearance last night at the Duke of York's Theatre, specially taken and retained for them by their late Australian managers, Messrs. J. C. Williamson and G. Musgrave. The piece in which these confederate players elected to renew acquaintance with London playgoers is an English version of M. Dumas, fils', serious comedy of "Francillon," seen in an almost literal translation, so good in its rendering into our language as to give cause for surprise that the translator remains anonymous. This is the first time the play has been presented in an English dress, though it was played here by the actors of the Theatre Francaise during the last visit

temperate performance. The pair of players approved themselves thoroughly accomplished and refined comedians. They were ably supported by a cast including Messrs. Elwood, Mackay, and Beauchamp, Miss Grace Noble, and Miss Helen Vane. The play won a highly favourable reception, the actors being called for congratulations.

## THE VOLUNTEERS VESTERDAY.

On the City of London ranges at Rainham, in Essex, members of the 1st City of London Royal Engineers held their annual regimental prize meeting, the weather being most unfavourable for shooting.

In Series A the conditions were 7

rounds at 200, 500, and 600yds., N.R.A. targets and marking, and the challenge cup presented by Hon. Col. Mulliner, with badge and first money prize of £5, given by Mrs. Mulliner, were won by Sgt. Grimes with an aggregate of 81 points, the winners next in order of merit being Co. Sgt.-maj. Williams 71, Corp. Franklin 69, Corp. Parker 68, Sgt. Webb 67, Driver Osborne 63, Sapper Jenkins 63, Sapper Beeton 63, Q.M.R. sergt.-maj. Turner 61, Lee-corp. F. Baragwanath 58, Trumpeter Nathan 57, Lieut. Lewis 54, Sgt. Pearson 52, and Sapper R. Baragwanath 45. In Series B the conditions were 7 rounds at 200 and 7 at 500yds., N.R.A. targets and marking, and the challenge cup presented by Hon. Col. Mulliner, with badge and first money prize of £5, given by Mrs. Mulliner, were won by Sgt. Grimes with an aggregate of 81 points, the winners next in order of merit being Co. Sgt.-maj. Williams 71, Corp. Franklin 69, Corp. Parker 68, Sgt. Webb 67, Driver Osborne 63, Sapper Jenkins 63, Sapper Beeton 63, Q.M.R. sergt.-maj. Turner 61, Lee-corp. F. Baragwanath 58, Trumpeter Nathan 57, Lieut. Lewis 54, Sgt. Pearson 52, and Sapper R. Baragwanath 45. In Series C the conditions were 7 rounds at 200 and 7 at 500yds., N.R.A. targets and marking, and the challenge cup presented by Hon. Col. Mulliner, with badge and first money prize of £5, given by Mrs. Mulliner, were won by Sgt. Grimes with an aggregate of 81 points, the winners next in order of merit being Co. Sgt.-maj. Williams 71, Corp. Franklin 69, Corp. Parker 68, Sgt. Webb 67, Driver Osborne 63, Sapper Jenkins 63, Sapper Beeton 63, Q.M.R. sergt.-maj. Turner 61, Lee-corp. F. Baragwanath 58, Trumpeter Nathan 57, Lieut. Lewis 54, Sgt. Pearson 52, and Sapper R. Baragwanath 45.

Under the command of Capt. Postans a strong detachment of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery paraded for the annual autumn march, which extends until the evening. The muster took place at Waterloos Station, where all ranks entrained to Putney, marching thence headed by the band, to Kingston-on-Thames, where quarters were provided by the kindness of Lieut.-col. Thompson, the commanding officer of the 3rd V.B. E. Survey Regt. in the spacious drill hall. This morning there will be a parade for Divine Service, and after dinner the column will march to Richmond, and there entrain to London. The other officers present were Capt. and Adj't. Bell, R.A., Capt. Bartlett, Q.M.R. sergt., and Lieuts. Lake, Gant, Hildesheim, and Southam.

The annual prize meeting of the 2nd Town Hamlets Rifles was continued on the Ilford ranges. In the competition for the Le Poer-Tegnall Challenge Cup the conditions were 7 rounds at 700 and 7 at 500yds., N.R.A. targets and scoring. The result was that Sgt.-instr. Atterton won the cup and first money prize with an aggregate of 52 points, the totals next in order of merit being those compiled by Sgt.-instr. Trimm 46, and Lieut. Clark 45 points.

This was followed by what is termed the Aldershot competition, and which is confined to those members who joined the Aldershot Camp at Aldershot in August last.

The conditions were 10 rounds at 200yds., 3rd class targets and marking, and there were 34 prizes to be competed for.

At the conclusion it was found that the list was headed by Supply-sergt. Hayes with a total of 100 points.

The weather was of a wretched description, and it was difficult to compete.

After the competition the men were drawn. M. Alpin stood without playing, the opponent against whom he was drawn to-day being Herr Bartels, who had re-

turned in the afternoon's play. Herr Janowski, after 40 minutes' rest, was drawn to play again, and the last man who entered upon the first lap of which all 3 racers turned out, Bacon with his usual burst finished strong in 25min. 4sec.

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**LONDON LEAGUE—DIVISION II.**

Harrow Athletic v. West Croydon.—At Harrow.

The Surrey men brought off a fine performance in lowering the colours of Harrow Athletic, on the latter's ground. Before the interval Harrow were 1 goal to 0 ahead.

At the end of the first half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 2 goals to 1 ahead.

At the end of the second half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 3 goals to 2 ahead.

At the end of the third half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 4 goals to 3 ahead.

At the end of the fourth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 5 goals to 4 ahead.

At the end of the fifth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 6 goals to 5 ahead.

At the end of the sixth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 7 goals to 6 ahead.

At the end of the seventh half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 8 goals to 7 ahead.

At the end of the eighth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 9 goals to 8 ahead.

At the end of the ninth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 10 goals to 9 ahead.

At the end of the tenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 11 goals to 10 ahead.

At the end of the eleventh half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 12 goals to 11 ahead.

At the end of the twelfth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 13 goals to 12 ahead.

At the end of the thirteenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 14 goals to 13 ahead.

At the end of the fourteenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 15 goals to 14 ahead.

At the end of the fifteenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 16 goals to 15 ahead.

At the end of the sixteenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 17 goals to 16 ahead.

At the end of the seventeenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 18 goals to 17 ahead.

At the end of the eighteenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 19 goals to 18 ahead.

At the end of the nineteenth half, when the ball was in the air, the Surrey men were 20 goals to 19 ahead.

At the end of the twentieth half, when the ball was in the air, the





## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 19.4 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which was estimated at 10,992,524 persons in the middle of this year.

In London 2,653 births and 1,391 deaths were registered last week.

Allowing for increase of population the births were 35 above, and the deaths 12 below, the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 24.2, 20.4, and 17.0 in the preceding 3 weeks, further fell last week to 16.3.

During the 4 weeks ending on the 11th inst. the death-rate averaged 19.5 per 1,000, being 2.0 per 1,000 above the mean rate in the corresponding weeks of the 10 years 1887-96.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 4 last week, having been 2, 3, and 4 in the preceding 3 weeks.

Different forms of violence caused 56 deaths last week, concerning all of which inquests were held.

In Greater London 3,661 births and 1,810 deaths were registered last week, corresponding to annual rates of 30.4 and 15.3 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Australian Federation Convention has rejected a proviso favouring female suffrage.

A French mission has arrived at Foochow to re-organise the arsenal there. Several large ships will be built.

The Scotch coal shipments last week amounted to 186,265 tons, as against 157,077 tons in the corresponding period last year.

A group of bankers have agreed to make the Uruguayan Government a loan of half a million piastres in order to defray the expenses of the war.

Six antique mahogany Chippendale chairs with carved backs, cabriole legs, and claw feet, were sold by auction at Lynn for £155 each.

A vessel has arrived at Port Townend from Fort St. Michael in Alaska, bringing gold to the value of \$900,000.

Joseph Kainz, the Berlin actor, has published a very free translation of Byron's "Sardanapalus," and adapted it for the stage.

Adolf Wagner, the distinguished Berlin Professor of Political Economy, has received the Russian Order of St. Stanislaus of the First Class.

A committee has been formed in Hamburg, the native city of Johannes Brahms, for the erection of a monument to that celebrated composer there.

The British steamer Avona, Cardiff for Vera Cruz, has put into St. Michael's with her decks swept and in a damaged state. Part of the crew were hurt.

The "Echo de Paris" learns that the Court of Accusation has decided that there is no case against the deputies accused by Arton of complicity in the Panama frauds.

George Baldwin, painter, of Walthamstow, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Stratford for leaving his wife and 3 children chargeable to the parish.

The dead body of a Musulman fisherman, pierced by 3 bullets, was found on the seashore near Canca. It is supposed that the man was murdered by the insurgents.

The cruiser *Curvulus*, which was paid off in 1886 on returning from the East Indies station, has been sold out of the Navy, and purchased by a ship-breaking firm.

According to information from Tangier, the first French courier from Timbuctoo has arrived safely at Ain Sefra, the southernmost military post of the province of Oran.

The Queen has approved of Maj. H. W. Smith-Rose, Royal Engineers, being appointed Assistant Inspector-general of Fortifications at the War Office from Nov. 8.

Lady H. Somerset has promised to unveil 2 new tablets in the archway of the Ragged Castle grounds to the memory of Earl Warren, who founded the castle before the Norman Conquest.

The Grand Duke of Hesse has placed at the disposal of the Czar an extensive site on the so-called Matilde Höhe, on which the Czar intends to erect at his own expense a chapel of the Orthodox Church.

Lord Hennell has consented to deliver an address, on Oct. 19, at the opening of the Art Galleries, which has been added to the municipal buildings at Reading. The gallery will be opened by Mrs. Palmer.

Capt. A. Ind. of Whitchurch, Colchester, will, it is feared, lose the sight of one of his eyes, as a result of the gunshot wound he accidentally sustained while shooting with a party over the Aireford Hall preserves last week.

The proprietors of the Ouse navigation have decided to close for traffic the locks on the Ouse navigation between St. Ives (Huntingdon) and Bedford from October next, in consequence of the continued opposition from local bodies and others.

By the courtesy of the Duke of Westmorland, the vice-president of the National Sunday League, 3,556 persons viewed the fine collection of pictures in the rooms of Grosvenor House this week. The doors were open from 2 until 6 o'clock.

Judge Byrne will conclude his portion of the Long Vacation work this week, and Justice Ridley will take over the duties to-morrow. Justice Riddle will continue to act as vacation judge until the re-opening of the Law Courts on Oct. 25.

An American expert declares that he knows of at least 600 counterfeits of the old masters which are now being hung in private galleries in the United States, and all of which were originally purchased in Europe at very high prices.

Aluminum neckties are on sale in London. They are fastened to the collar button by a band round the neck, and are particularly recommended for summer wear, since they can be easily cleaned when soiled, while they are not perceptibly heavier than cotton, cambric, or silk.

There was a wedding at Brighton this week which brings a happy ending to a little story. A strutting singer, a rather pretty blonde, was left stranded by her harpist at Brighton. She became penniless, and one night had to sleep out. But her songs had reached the heart of a young fellow employed on the West Pier. He, becoming aware of her distress, he proposed, was accepted, the same day

the bands were published, and this week they were married.

"God Save the Queen" has been sung in Persian, Arabic, and Sanskrit.

The oldest University is that of Paris, which dates back over 1,100 years.

The first regular standing army was established in Egypt about 3,800 years ago.

There is a clock in Brussels which has never been wound up by human hands. It is kept going by the wind.

Mr. John Baily, a well-known and philanthropic Derby magistrate, has died at Derby in his 80th year.

Two persons were killed at San George in Spain by a collision between a train and a truck loaded with ballast.

It is announced that Costa Rica has adopted the gold standard, and Salvador and Guatemala will shortly follow the example.

The Mayor of Swansea, Councillor H. Watkins, has received a communication from the Home Secretary, accompanied by a Queen's Jubilee medal.

Thomas Hall and Frederick Richardson, barbers, and Ellen Diggie, beer-seller, were each fined £5 and costs at Bury, Lancashire, for using their premises for betting purposes.

At Bridgnorth, George Langford, cashier of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., was charged with embezzling £25 on June 5 as paid into the bank by Mr. G. Brookes. Remanded.

The Klondyke mosquito is of greater size and deadlier industry than any other of its kind. Only the female mosquito bites. She lays 250 eggs at a time and lays very frequently.

The wages of seamen in sailing vessels are about the same all over the world, averaging 60s. a month, with food; seamen employed on steamers receiving about 10 per cent. more.

The Duke of Norfolk, as Lord Mayor of Sheffield, has arranged to open the newly-erected quarters for aged couples at Sheffield Workhouse, on Oct. 6.

It has been discovered that the ancient Romans practised a system of shorthand, which was usually taught in schools. The Emperor Titus is said to have been an expert at it.

The Turkish language is said by scholars to be the softest and most musical language of modern times, being better adapted to the purpose of musical notation and recitation than even the Italian.

The hottest inhabited place on the face of the earth is said to be the desert near Massowah (33 degrees in the shade), the coldest is in the Northwest territory of Canada, near Klyndyke (76 degrees below zero).

A labourer named John Wellington, in the employ of the G.W.R. Co., when engaged in blasting operations at Penpont's Viaduct, Camborne, West Cornwall, was instantly killed by a rock falling on him.

Splendid weather during the concluding portion of last week enabled farmers in Gower to gather in corn in excellent condition, the whole crop being up to the average and satisfactory to agriculturists.

Nows has reached San Francisco of the safety of the Eliza Anderson, an old steamer, which left Unashon on the journey towards Klondyke, and was supposed to have gone down in a storm.

A Georgia Baptist minister, J. F. Bright, is said to have made a record. He baptised 117 people in 15 minutes on Sept. 2 after a "revival." The preacher's arm was considerably swollen by his exertion in dipping so many people.

An inquest held at Leeds on the bodies of 2 maiden ladies named Redmayne, who were found dead in bed, a verdict was returned that death was due to inhalation of gas from a fracture in the main, and that it was accidental.

A telegraph boy named Francis Henry Chapman was sent to the docks with 2 telegrams, and was afterwards found drowned. One telegram had been delayed, the other had not.

Mr. Hiram Maxim says he hasn't done anything in his flying machine for 2 years. "There's not a great amount of difficulty in getting a flying machine into the air," he said; "the difficulty is to know where you are coming down."

Oysters are to be plentiful this year. The present summer is reckoned as being one of the best of many years past for their culture, and the coming season will offer to consumers a most plump and succulent bivalve in the pink of condition.

Preparations for the autumnal assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, at Plymouth, on Oct. 4, are all but complete. It is 22 years since the union met in that town, and between 600 and 800 delegates are expected.

At Bridgnorth, Walter Harry Tallis, 32, book-keeper at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, and late manager of the Crown and Raven Hotel, Bridgnorth, was sentenced to 6 months' hard labour for embezzling £41 5s. and falsifying the bar cash-book.

At Kingston, a young milliner, named Lillian Chapman, of Dane's-ard, Clapton, was charged with attempting to commit suicide. She was found lying on the towpath beside the Thames at Walton in an insensate state, and with her clothes saturated with water. Remanded for inquiries.

Thomas Smurthwaite, 35, ex-serviceman in the Durham County Constabulary, was found dead outside his father's shop at Durham. A bottle containing carbolic acid was found by his side. Deceased had been discharged from the force. He leaves a widow and 5 children.

Reverence for the dead is not too obvious in America. In the big Chicago murder trial, the dismembered bodies of dead paupers are being boiled in alkali by way of experiment.

At San Francisco medical men are using pauper corpses as revolver targets for the purpose of providing technical evidence in a shooting case.

At Marylebone, a miserable-looking old man, giving the name of Robert Atches, was sent to prison for 6 weeks for stealing a card-case, pencil-case, and a watch, from Lady Constance Coombe, as the latter was leaving her carriage in Oxford-st. Prisoner Testimonials. Paid everywhere at £2 per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

At Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, a woman named Dache was sent for trial on the charge of setting a workhouse on fire. It was alleged that she set the bed on fire, the official arriving just in time to prevent the institution from being burnt down. She afterwards tried to set the staircase on fire.

The list of the special and school prizes recently awarded by the Guildhall School of Music has been published. The Lord Mayor's prize for soprano was won by Miss Bessie Snells, of Chelsea, the Lady Mayoress's prize for pianists by G. Douglas Basall, Ald. Ritchie's prize for mezzo-sopranos by Miss Dina Harwood, and

Sheriff Roger's prize for contraltos by Miss Edith Clegg.

The Duke of Connaught has consented to become president of the Bagnot and Windlesham Football Club.

The personality of Mr. E. M. Baines, late part proprietor and editor of "Leeds Mercury," has been sworn at upwards of £10,000.

A boy, 10 years of age, has died in the Stanley Hospital from blood-poisoning set up by injury to the great toe caused by a nail in the boot.

An aged pauper, out for his monthly holiday, was seriously injured by a cyclist knocking him down in Baker-st.

Mr. W. Mc'Connell's boat and crew at Ballymena has been destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at over £2,000.

The School of Art Woodcarving Central Technical College, Exhibition-rd., South Kensington, has been re-opened after the usual summer vacation.

The Australian Federation Convention has decided that the Federal Senate shall have no power to amend money bills.

The Board of Agriculture give notice of a dog muzzling order for the county of Sussex, to come into operation on the 25th inst.

A fine broke out this week at the kennels of Mr. Dennis, at Portslade, near Brighton, and 7 valuable greyhounds were burned to death. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

It is reported from Tangier that the Pdr. pirates have captured another vessel. The name of the ship is unknown, but she is believed to be of Spanish nationality.

The Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham have joined the Committee of Management of the Church Army as honorary adviser to the Society's Emigration Test Farm and Market Garden.

An American minister, winding up a week's mission, is reported to have said: "And if any spark of grace has been kindled by these exercises, oh, pray Thee, water that spark."

Fearing the result of a fresh Carlist outbreak in Spain, strict instructions have been issued from the Vatican to the Roman Catholic priests in that country to abstain from all participation in the Carlist agitation.

Three men were suffocated by fumes generated by fire in the Broken Hill Proprietary Silver Mine, and about 50 of the miners are suffering from the effects of the poisonous gases. The fire has been got under control.

The directors of the Manchester Royal Exchange recently presented life tickets of membership to 3 gentlemen who have been members of the Royal Exchange of that city for 60 years.

Col. A. Grove, D.S.O., late of the Indian Army, died in Belfast from inflammation of the brain. The deceased officer had a distinguished war service, having taken part in the 1880 Afghan campaign and the Burmese expedition.

It was stated in evidence at an inquest on a 3-week-old baby, held by the St. Luke's coroner, that the child was suffocated by its brother, a child of 4, climbing into its bed and lying asleep over its face.

Lord C. Beresford thinks that the Irish royal residence ought to be extended to the extent of £100,000 a year, independent of the initial cost. "The Church surplus might provide the money," he says.

An intimation has been received by the Edinburgh Town Council from the Office of Works that from April next the fee now charged for admission to the historical apartments of Holyrood Palace will be abolished.

The new synagogue, Great St. Helen's, London, was re-opened this week by the Chief Rabbi. The building has been entirely renovated, and several improvements effected, including the installation of the electric light.

While a cricket match was in progress on the ground of the East Molesey C.C., near the Hurst Park race-course, a covey of young partridges flew on to the ground and alighted among the players. Several of the birds were captured.

Sir Squire Bancroft has signified his intention of giving a reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol" early in November, in aid of the institution

which he was repairing, was precipitated to the ground, a distance of about 90ft., and instantly killed.

On the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, it is again the intention of the Navy League to decorate the Nelson Column. A communication has already been addressed to the lord mayors and mayors of the various towns in Great Britain, asking for co-operation and assistance.

Travellers who have to pass through Paris are warned of the amount of false money just now in circulation. French coopers seem to work more method than the rivals of our own Mint. September and October are their busy months, just when the capital overflows with the unruly tourists.

The Tweed salmon net-fishing season closed this week. It has been unproductive throughout. The salmon were fewer than last year by half. Trout were also a failure, while the quantity of grilse was less than that taken in an ordinary year. Prices have been high, but nevertheless the low at most of the principal fisheries will be considerable.

Mr. Robert Reid, station-master at Newcastle-on-Tyne, one of the oldest railway servants in the country, has died at Newcastle. He stopped by a flag the train by which the Queen travelled to Newcastle to open the Central Station in 1850, and since then he had made the acquaintance of several members of the Royal Family. He joined the N.E. Rly. Co. in 1849.

Mr. W. Allan, M.P. for Gatehead, who is at present residing at Moffat, has received a telegram from Lord Grey containing an invitation from the town of Bulawayo to attend the ceremony of opening the railway there on Nov. 4. The telegram adds: "If you accept you will be their guest for a week, and receive free return passes on railway and steamer from London to Bulawayo."

The Archbishop of York, writing to Bishop Thorpe to a Sheffield vicar, explaining his absence from a function, spoke of himself as unable to face either a journey or a sermon. He says that the work of the conference at Lambeth was trying, as well as anxious, and he had had no summer holiday yet. He was only hoping to get away at the beginning of next week.

Walter Wheeler, a ballast guard in the service of the G.W.R. Rly., who resided at Taplow, was knocked down by a goods train on the down relief line at Langley, near Slough, and instantly killed. He was an old servant of the company, having held the position of ballast guard for upwards of 25 years. A few months ago his son, Andrew Wheeler, also a ballast guard, had one of his legs cut off at Bulston.

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## PEOPLE'S HEROES—LXVII.

## PLUCKY DEVONIAN.

Devonshire has never lacked heroes, men who have not hesitated to risk their own lives for the good or safety of their fellows. Happy, indeed, is the county which can claim amongst her sons such men as Sir Francis Drake or Sir Walter Raleigh. That heroes still exist in the famous western shire was a recently clearly demonstrated when Mr. W. E. Raymont, of Brixham, a performer of great gallantry at Dartmouth. In getting out of a boat on the evening of the regatta a young lady slipped and fell into the water. Realising that she must drown if not speedily rescued, Mr. Raymont gallantly rushed into the water, and managed, with some difficulty, to save the drowning girl. For his prompt and plucky conduct we add the name of Mr. W. E. Raymont to the honoured list of "The People's" heroes.

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The monthly memorandum of the Labour Department of the Board of Trade states that the labour market in August was considerably affected by the continuance of the dispute in the engineering trade, and even apart from this, the general state of employment has somewhat declined. The percentage of unemployed in the trade unions making returns at the end of the month was 3.55, compared with 2.7 per cent. at the end of July and 3.4 per cent. in August, 1896.

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